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March 31, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
SANTA ANITA WASH
REPAIR ACCESS ROADS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Consider the enclosed Addendum to the Negative Declaration for the Santa Anita Wash Access Road Repairs project, and determine that the minor change to the number of total trees removed and replaced as described in the Addendum will not result in a new significant effect on the environment; find that the Addendum reflects the independent judgement of the County; and approve the Addendum.
2. Find that the project will have no adverse effect on wildlife resources, and authorize Public Works to complete and file Certificate of Fee Exemption with the County Clerk.
3. Adopt the plans and specifications for Santa Anita Wash, Repair Access Roads, in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia (5), at an estimated cost between \$400,000 and \$465,000.

4. Call for bids to be received on May 10, 2005.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for the reconstruction of the access roads along a flood control channel; construction of an irrigation system, catch basins, and connector pipes; removal and planting of trees; and other appurtenant work.

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the repair and rehabilitation of flood control facilities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide improved access roads which are necessary to maintain flood control facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$400,000 to \$465,000.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 29, 2005, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for the repair of the existing roads along Santa Anita Flood Control Channel, which included the removal and planting of 21 trees. The Addendum to the Negative Declaration is necessary to address the removal of two additional trees, the protection of one tree in place that was previously identified to be removed, and the planting of two additional trees. As a result of these changes to the project, a total of 22 trees will be removed, one will be protected in place, and 23 trees will be planted.

The Addendum to the Negative Declaration concludes that the modification to the total number of trees removed and replaced is minor, and that none of the conditions described in the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 are applicable, and the modification would not result in new adverse significant impacts on the environment. The Addendum was prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

A fee must be paid to the Department of Fish and Game when certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act are filed with the County Clerk. The County is exempt from paying this fee when the Board finds that a project will have no impacts on wildlife resources. The initial Study of Environmental Factors concluded that there will be no adverse effects on wildlife resources. Upon approval of the Addendum by your Board, we will file a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the County Clerk. A \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for processing. We will also file a Notice of Determination in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in September 2005. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will not be disrupted during the construction.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

SANTA ANITA WASH
REPAIR ACCESS ROADS
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the reconstruction of the access roads along a flood control channel; construction of an irrigation system, catch basins, and connector pipes; removal and planting of trees; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0000875, Santa Anita Wash, Repair Access Roads, in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$400,000 and \$465,000 and shall be completed in 45 working days. The Work requires a Class A or C12 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Ms. Hoda H. Hassan at (626) 458-7868.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the Contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated April 12, 2005.

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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